

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30 and 37-40 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-24 (canceled).

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the estrogen is an ester of estradiol.

Claims 26-27 (canceled).

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the composition contains 1.5 mg of free estradiol by daily dose.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the composition contains 2 mg of ester of estradiol by daily dose.

Claims 30-32 (canceled).

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the composition contains 2.5 mg of norgestrel acetate by daily dose.

34. (currently amended) A method of treating estrogenic deficiencies in post menopausal women while further avoiding the appearance of osteoporosis and withdrawal bleeding, comprising continuously without interruption administering to said women a composition containing from 0.5 to 3 mg of an estrogen selected from the group consisting of free ~~or~~ and esterified estradiol and 1.5 to 3.75 mg of norgestrel acetate by daily dose.

Claim 35 (cancelled)

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the composition is administered orally.

Claims 37-40 (canceled).